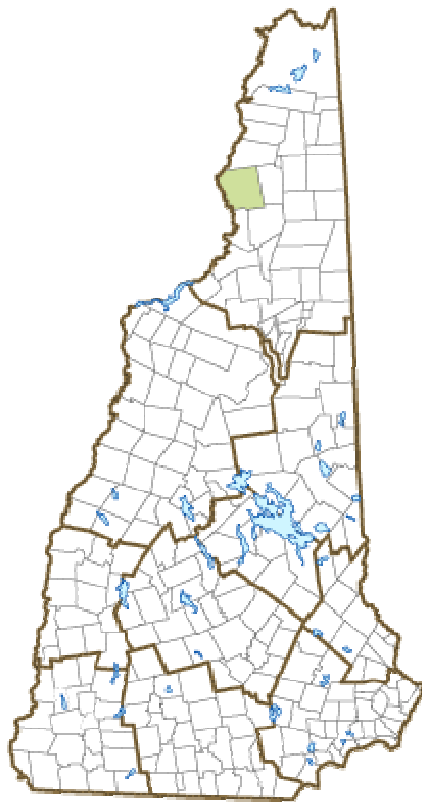


# Stratford, NH



## Community Contact

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## Municipal Office Hours

**Selectmen: Monday through Thursday, 9 am - 3:30 pm;**  
**Town Clerk, Tax Collector: Monday, 12 noon - 5 pm,**  
**Tuesday, 10 am - 4 pm, first Saturday, 8 am - 12 noon,**  
**other hours by appointment**

County  
Labor Market Area  
Tourism Region  
Planning Commission  
Regional Development

**Coös**  
**Littleton, NH-VT LMA, NH part**  
**Great North Woods**  
**North Country Council**  
**Coös Economic Development Corp.**

## Election Districts

US Congress  
Executive Council  
State Senate  
State Representative

**District 2**  
**District 1**  
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**Coös County District 1**

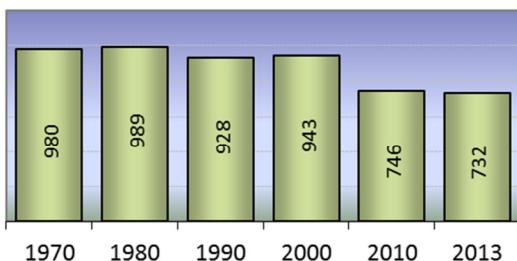
## Incorporated: 1773

**Origin:** This territory was chartered in 1762 to early settlers mostly from Woodbury, Connecticut, as Woodbury. Indian troubles had many families forfeiting their claims, and even after a 1770 charter renewal, the original grantees were unable to make a settlement. The territory was chartered again in 1773 to Joshua Wentworth and others as Stratford, after another town in Connecticut. The name is also in honor of Stratford-on-Avon, Shakespeare's home. The entire tract was one of the largest granted in New Hampshire, a total of 48,603 acres. The town was incorporated as Stratford in 1779 upon petition by residents.

**Villages and Place Names:** Beatties, Mapleton, Masons, North Stratford, Stratford Center, Stratford Hollow, East Stratford

**Population, Year of the First Census Taken:** 146 residents in 1790

**Population Trends:** Population for Stratford declined over 53 years, dropping by 297, from 1,029 in 1960 to 732 in 2013. The largest decennial percent change was an increase of two percent between 1990 and 2000; population declined by 21 percent between 2000 and 2010. The 2013 Census estimate for Stratford was 732 residents, which ranked 204th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



## Population Density and Land Area, 2013 (US Census

**Bureau):** 9.2 persons per square mile of land area. Stratford contains 79.9 square miles of land area and 0.1 square miles of inland water area.



MUNICIPAL SERVICES			
Type of Government		Selectmen	
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2014		\$827,714	
Budget: School Appropriations, 2013-2014		\$2,278,645	
Zoning Ordinance		1995	
Master Plan		2008	
Capital Improvement Plan		Yes	
Industrial Plans Reviewed By		Planning Board	
Boards and Commissions			
Elected:	Selectmen; Library; Cemetery; Trust Funds; Treasurer; Checklist; Moderator; Town Clerk/Tax Collector		
Appointed:	Zoning; Planning		
Public Library	Stratford Public		
EMERGENCY SERVICES			
Police Department		Part-time	
Fire Department		Part-time & volunteer	
Emergency Medical Service			
Nearest Hospital(s)		Distance	Staffed Beds
Upper Connecticut Valley, Colebrook		15 miles	16
Weeks Medical Center, Lancaster		22 miles	25
UTILITIES			
Electric Supplier		Glacial Energy; Eversource Energy	
Natural Gas Supplier		None	
Water Supplier		Private wells & municipal	
Sanitation		Private septic & municipal	
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant		Yes	
Solid Waste Disposal			
Curbside Trash Pickup		None	
Pay-As-You-Throw Program		No	
Recycling Program		Mandatory	
Telephone Company		Fairpoint	
Cellular Telephone Access		No	
Cable Television Access		Limited	
Public Access Television Station		No	
High Speed Internet Service:	Business	Limited	
	Residential	Limited	
PROPERTY TAXES		(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2013 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$23.92	
2013 Equalization Ratio		103.8	
2013 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$28.05	
2013 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings		51.2%	
Commercial Land and Buildings		6.4%	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other		42.4%	
HOUSING		(ACS 2009-2013)	
Total Housing Units		539	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached		353	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure		43	
Five or More Units in Structure		48	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units		95	

<b>DEMOGRAPHICS</b> (US Census Bureau)		
Total Population	Community	County
2013	<b>732</b>	<b>32,141</b>
2010	<b>746</b>	<b>33,055</b>
2000	<b>943</b>	<b>33,156</b>
1990	<b>928</b>	<b>34,879</b>
1980	<b>989</b>	<b>35,014</b>
1970	<b>980</b>	<b>34,189</b>
<b>Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2009-2013</b>		
Population by Gender		
Male	<b>412</b>	Female <b>320</b>
Population by Age Group		
Under age 5		<b>55</b>
Age 5 to 19		<b>136</b>
Age 20 to 34		<b>92</b>
Age 35 to 54		<b>184</b>
Age 55 to 64		<b>133</b>
Age 65 and over		<b>132</b>
Median Age		<b>46.3 years</b>
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over		
High school graduate or higher		<b>69.1%</b>
Bachelor's degree or higher		<b>9.2%</b>
<b>INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$</b> (ACS 2009-2013)		
Per capita income		<b>\$15,011</b>
Median family income		<b>\$28,304</b>
Median household income		<b>\$26,250</b>
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers		
Male		<b>\$37,159</b>
Female		<b>\$21,250</b>
Individuals below the poverty level		<b>29.8%</b>
<b>LABOR FORCE</b> (NHES – ELMI)		
Annual Average	2003	2013
Civilian labor force	<b>430</b>	<b>335</b>
Employed	<b>405</b>	<b>310</b>
Unemployed	<b>25</b>	<b>25</b>
Unemployment rate	<b>5.8%</b>	<b>7.5%</b>
<b>EMPLOYMENT &amp; WAGES</b> (NHES – ELMI)		
Annual Average Covered Employment	2003	2013
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>16</b>	<b>8</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 434</b>	<b>\$ 477</b>
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>33</b>	<b>39</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 243</b>	<b>\$ 433</b>
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	<b>49</b>	<b>47</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 307</b>	<b>\$ 440</b>
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	<b>60</b>	<b>40</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 403</b>	<b>\$ 462</b>
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	<b>109</b>	<b>87</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 360</b>	<b>\$ 450</b>

**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**Schools students attend: **Stratford operates grades K-8; grades 7-12 are tuitioned to Northumberland**District: **SAU 58**Career Technology Center(s): **None in Region 01**Region: **1**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	<b>1</b>			
Grade Levels	<b>K 1-8</b>			
Total Enrollment	<b>71</b>			

Nearest Community College: **White Mountains**Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Plymouth State University; Granite State College-Berlin**

2014 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing)

Total Facilities: **0** Total Capacity: **0**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Stratford School	Education	20	
North Woods Trading Post	Gas, convenience, pizza	4	
Hollow Village General Store	Convenience store, gas	3	
Burns Truck Stop	Convenience store	3	
Town of Stratford	Municipal services		1773
Claudette & Dean's Place	Restaurant		

**TRANSPORTATION** (*distances estimated from city/town hall*)

Road Access	US Routes	<b>3</b>
	State Routes	
Nearest Interstate, Exit	<b>I-91 (VT), Exit 28; I-93, Exit 41</b>	
Distance	<b>36 miles; 43 miles</b>	

Railroad	<b>St. Lawrence &amp; Atlantic</b>
Public Transportation	<b>No</b>

Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation

<b>Gifford Field, Colebrook</b>	Runway	<b>2,440 ft. turf</b>
Lighted? <b>No</b>	Navigation Aids?	<b>No</b>

Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service

<b>Lebanon Municipal</b>	Distance	<b>110 miles</b>
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		<b>1</b>

Driving distance to select cities:

Manchester, NH	<b>132 miles</b>
Portland, Maine	<b>126 miles</b>
Boston, Mass.	<b>207 miles</b>
New York City, NY	<b>364 miles</b>
Montreal, Quebec	<b>150 miles</b>

**COMMUTING TO WORK** (*ACS 2009-2013*)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	<b>88.7%</b>
Carpooled, car/truck/van	<b>4.8%</b>
Public transportation	<b>0.5%</b>
Walked	<b>0.5%</b>
Other means	<b>0.3%</b>
Worked at home	<b>5.3%</b>
Mean Travel Time to Work	<b>33.2 minutes</b>

**Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2009-2013**

Working in community of residence	<b>10.7</b>
Commuting to another NH community	<b>56.3</b>
Commuting out-of-state	<b>33.0</b>

**RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS**

<b>X</b>	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
<b>X</b>	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
	Museums
	Cinemas
	Performing Arts Facilities
<b>X</b>	Tourist Attractions
<b>X</b>	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
	Youth Sports: Baseball
	Youth Sports: Soccer
	Youth Sports: Football
	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
<b>X</b>	Campgrounds
<b>X</b>	Fishing/Hunting
	Boating/Marinas
<b>X</b>	Snowmobile Trails
	Bicycle Trails
<b>X</b>	Cross Country Skiing
	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps

Nearest Ski Area(s):

Other: **Nash Stream Forest; Quad Rodeo; 4-Wheeler Trails; Nature Conservancy Lands; Grange; Cohos Historical Society; Old Home Day; Lion Cubs 4-H; Funtastic Fridays**